



# **Governor's Celebration of Innovation**

**Remarks for Gov. Jan Brewer**

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**Phoenix Convention Center**

**Good evening!**

**It's an honor for me to be with you tonight –surrounded by many of Arizona's brightest innovators and savvy business minds.**

**I've always believed it's because of leaders like you that Arizona's economy is growing stronger every day.**

**I'm pleased to join the Arizona Commerce Authority and the Arizona Technology Council for this celebration of our state's innovators.**

**If you don't walk away with an award tonight, you are still a winner – because of your commitment to innovation, which continues to advance Arizona's business climate.**

**You know, throughout my service as your governor, I've been deeply committed to advancing Arizona's economy. I think you also know that we've made great progress in the Arizona Comeback.**

**Our state is now a premier location for business growth and opportunity – pushed forward by the landmark Arizona Competitiveness Package ... and the creation of the Arizona Commerce Authority.**

**Our hard work has paid off ... and Arizona is recognized as one of the best places in the United States to do business.**

**In short, the Arizona Commerce Authority has delivered!**

**Together, we've created more than 38-thousand quality jobs...**

**...and more than four-and-a-half billion dollars in capital investment.**

**That adds up to an economic output of 39-billion dollars over the next five years.**

**These are quality jobs ... bringing good wages to support our Arizona families and propelling our state's economy forward.**

**We've demonstrated through sound policies that an economy and business climate flourishes with lower taxes ... fewer regulations ... and a government that gets out of the way to let our free enterprise system do what it does best: create jobs!**

**We've lowered business property and equipment taxes, lowered corporate income taxes and lowered capital gains taxes.**

**We've also simplified sales tax and halted new regulations.**

**And we continue to reap the benefits of our practical, business-friendly policies.**

**We've attracted such international icons as Amazon, E-Bay, GM and Silicon Valley Bank.**

**Across the nation, industry has continued to recognize the pro-business climate we have created and fostered. In fact, Forbes Magazine rates Arizona as the Number One state for expected job growth.**

**Yes, I'm proud of our Arizona – where you find a highly skilled workforce, low payroll taxes ... and climate that makes good business sense.**

**I look forward to the next discoveries, breakthrough technologies, and industry-changing innovation that comes from each of you gathered here tonight.**

**Please, keep innovating!**

**Thank you for your support in making our state stronger ... and thank you for your part in making the Arizona Comeback a legacy we can all share with great pride!!**

**Thank you!**